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1. DEPARTMENT REMAINS CONCERNED ABOUT GOG REFUSAL TO
RELEASE TURKISH-BOUND CARGO ILLEGALLY SEQUESTERED FROM
LASH ESPANA IN JULY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SEIZURE WAS NOT
UNDERTAKEN BY PRESENT GREEK GOVERNMENT AND SYMPATHIZE WITH
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POSSIBLE GREEK DOMESTIC REPERCUSSIONS OF RELEASE OF MILI-

TARY MATERIEL DESTINED FOR TURKEY. THIS NOTWITHSTANDING, POINT REMAINS THAT GREECE HAS MAINTAINED POSSESSION OF THIS ILLEGALLY SEIZED CARGO FOR NEARLY TWO MONTHS AND GREEK INTERPRETATION OF "END OF CYPRUS CRISIS" (REFTEL A) COULD RESULT IN ESPANA CARGO REMAINING IN GREECE INDEFINITELY.

2. AT APPROPRIATE MOMENT EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS AGAIN OUR CONCERN ON THIS MATTER TO GOG, PERHAPS TO AVEROFF PERSONALLY. DISCUSSION SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT WE ARE ANXIOUS TO SEE EARLY DELIVERY OF CARGO TO TURKEY BUT ARE ALSO SYMPATHETIC TO POLITICAL PROBLEM THAT ITS RELEASE COULD CAUSE FOR GOG. DEVICE SHOULD BE SOUGHT TO ACCOMODATE BOTH INTERESTS. (FYI WE MIGHT BE WILLING TO CONSIDER HAVING SEQUESTERED CARGO DELIVERED TO U.S. SHIP BOUND FOR A THIRD COUNTRY FOR TRANSSHIPMENT IF THAT WOULD HELP GREEK DOMESTIC PROBLEMS. WE ARE RELUCTANT TO SUGGEST THIS OPTION BECAUSE OF CONSIDERABLE COST TO USG THAT SUCH TRANSSHIPMENT WOULD INVOLVE. END FYI).

3. ACCORDING TO CURRENT PUBLISHED SCHEDULE, LASH ESPANA IS DUE PIREAUS OCTOBER 12 AND LASH ITALIA DUE TO ARRIVE PIREAUS OCTOBER 27. BOTH ARE THEN TO PROCEED TO TURKEY. WE WOULD HOPE THAT ONE OF THOSE VESSELS COULD PICK UP SEQUESTERED CARGO. KISSINGER

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